

My dear Mrs Chapman - yours by the kindness of Mr Garrison  
has reached me. In reply I beg to state, that I have never  
for one moment doubted the purity of intention which led  
you to write as you did respecting me to your friend Mr.  
Hobb of Dublin. I have not therefore suffered myself to think of  
you as any other than my friend and well-wisher. Still  
I did feel & do now feel - that it would have been far more friendly  
and more in keeping with all the ideas I had formed of your  
character - had you chosen to <sup>have</sup> given your counsel directly  
to me - and free from what I must yet regard an  
uncalled for and invidious comparison of my self and Mr.  
Buffum. But in conveying this thought - I had not the most dis-  
tant expectation of its disturbing our friendship. And if any thing  
escaped my pen which seemed to look that way - I hesitate not  
to confess my sorrow for it. Continue I beseech you to regard  
me as your friend - for so I am - and so I wish to be - and so I mean  
to be, and I am moreover resolved that no triffling occurrence  
shall be allowed to disturb the confidence which I repose  
in your devotion and fidelity to the cause, Still my  
friend you must be assured that I shall always speak freely  
to you of any act or word of yours which I deem unjust  
or unkind to me - I felt that you had not done me injustice  
in the manner of introducing Mr Hobb - I have thought  
so - and said so - and so I have done with it and hope  
never to have occasion to refer to it at any future  
time, I hope so far from causing any alienation it may  
serve to make us better friends than before.  
Since we shall know each other better than before.



In reply to so much of your letter as relates to my  
having attended the recent meeting of the British  
and foreign Antislavery in London - I must say I  
have no confession to make or pardon to ask for my  
conduct in the matter. I went there with the  
counsel and advice of good friends - friends who are as  
anxious for the emancipation of the slaves as any  
with whom I think I have ever met. I went for  
reasons which seemed good. I was not carried there by  
what you term "Money temptations" - no such was offered  
and I may say (though you may think it an evidence of  
my self-sufficiency) no such temptations would have  
been availing. When I received the invitation I without  
reflection or consultation with any one, declined ~~it~~  
This I did from mere prejudice. My friend George Thompson  
was in London at the time, I was in Edinburgh. He at  
once wrote urging me for many reasons - most of  
<sup>which</sup> speaking out of our free Church agitation - to come  
to London and avail myself of the opportunity  
afforded by that meeting of striking an important  
blow in behalf of 'Lending back the money'  
I believe. My Thompson now regrets having  
advised me to go. I do not know that he does  
but I think he does since reading the article  
to which you refer in the Standard. - I must however  
say that I do not regret having gone there, or  
having spoken when I was there.



I do not believe that even the Broad Street Committee  
admitting them to be all you say of them I do not  
think them too bad to be preached to. I will speak in  
any meeting where freedom of speech is allowed. and where  
I may do any thing toward exposing the bloody system  
of slavery. I did not go into that meeting as a new organiza-  
tionist. I distinctly told the meeting just what the  
Broad Street Committee knew before they  
invited me that I was an old organizationist  
and had I been fully reported you would have seen  
that I was not there in disguise or at the sacrifice  
of principle. or friends at home. I did indorse  
what <sup>under bigotry</sup> was done six years ago - or what <sup>may</sup> be done by  
some body six years hence. I attended that  
meeting for a specific purpose. and in doing  
so compromised no more than did Mr Garrison  
Leavitt &c. who last Autumn attended meetings  
and acted on committees together in order  
to prevent the Annexation of Texas. - I might  
argue the question if I had time. but I have not.  
I have said thus much that you may know just  
where I am in the matter. and think thus much  
due to you. - Since you have taken so much pains to  
write me respecting it. - I shall not say anything  
about the matter in any letter I may write for the  
public eye. as I think enough has



I recently got a little circle to work for the Bazaar at  
Boston. Consisting of few influential young Ladies in  
~~the~~ "Carlisle" (Eng) - They will send a box this Autumn  
Mr. Carr of the same place will send you  
a valuable Contribution to the Refreshment  
table consisting of a large box of fancy Biscuits  
I am sorry I can't say more - The lad is  
waiting to take Miss to the Office.

Very respectfully  
yours F. Douglass

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